



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Wendy Boglary

Be heard on planning issues

Dear Residents,

The main concern of residents I am hearing in the community is their sense of not being heard when it comes to development.

Throughout our division there are a number of developments occurring. One house goes and five units or more appear. This is called "infill" and it changes the look of an area and impacts existing residents.

Where development can occur and what type of development – commercial, residential, high rise, etcetera – is determined by the zones and codes in the Redland City Planning Scheme.

In city plans there are also the overlays which either protect the

environment or otherwise. It is within these constraints and the willingness of the developer as to what will be built and whether highly valued environmental areas are protected.

In the 2006 planning scheme, this infill in Ormiston and Wellington Point was planned due to the proximity of rail and other services.

Recently a development in Ormiston allowed several mature and important koala food trees to be removed. I suggested several options to find an acceptable solution for the developer to save these trees but, under the planning scheme, there were no planning grounds on which to insist or not approve the project.

This is why it is so important that residents have their say on the new

City Plan, which is being written now. Some groups in the community realise the importance of this document and have been in contact with, and listened to, by Council.

This is the time to be heard and ensure that the City Plan reflects the future you see for your area. Past zones cannot be removed but we can use this scheme to provide housing for the state-allocated extra 60,000 people we have to accommodate, employment areas and the protection of our waterways and environment.

As with Ormiston, it is too late once an application is processed to place extra conditions on an area. This new plan will hold the DNA of our City to 2041. Make sure we get the look and character we want.

Support for local business

I recently became president of the Wellington Point Traders Association.

I have been involved with this very energetic group since being elected and thoroughly enjoy working closely with our local business owners.

We have some projects in the pipeline and are inviting all businesses – whether Wellington Point Village or local home-based – to join us on the last Friday of the month at 7am at Tanja's for coffee, fun and brainstorming on how we can boost our local economy.

There is such a variety of local retailers and businesses that we really don't need to look very far when needing something.

I also have been speaking with Ormiston owners to see how an association or more casual groups could be formed to increase networking in their area. Please contact me if you are interested.



SELL-A-BRATION: The Wellington Point Farmers Market is great place to spend a Saturday and, right, the Twilight Market celebrates its first birthday.

Catch up for a chat

I am now holding my Community Chats across the division. On the first Saturday I am at Wellington Point's Twilight Market from 5pm-7pm, then at Wello's Farmers Market on the 2nd Saturday from 7am-noon. It is a lot of fun and I often get to help sell local produce. On the 3rd Saturday, I am at Ormiston Foodstore from 10am-noon and, on the 4th Sunday, at Cleveland Markets from 9am-noon.

I am also more than happy to visit residents at any time to discuss concerns or great ideas.

With the usually busy time of year ahead, remember the true meaning of Christmas and bring the family along to one of the many Christmas activities. I would love to see you at the Christmas Markets on 13 December at Wellington Point Village Green.

On the ball

It is fantastic to see the netball courts resurfaced at Wellington Point's EGW Wood Sportsfield to enhance safety. Also, congratulations to the All-Stars for winning the Most Co-operative Club Award and setting such a great example for all their young players.



New village

An application for a new retirement village has been lodged for Wellington Street, Ormiston.

When finished, there will be about 250 people living there in low set units, with three-story buildings at the very western edge of the block. From the road these will be level with the low-set roof line.

The developer, *pictured*, is discussing every step with me and is very conscious of the vegetation at the rear. The layout incorporates all but one of the existing eucalypt trees.

I am posting updates and answers to questions on my Facebook page.



Enhancing road safety a top priority

I have again had discussions with representatives of the State Government to discuss the dangerous pedestrian crossing on Birkdale Road.

Being a state-controlled road, I am finding it extremely frustrating that Council cannot act but these latest talks have been encouraging, so hopefully there will be good news shortly.

I am continuing discussions with Redlands College about its traffic concerns and also recently visited Ormiston College to discuss the safety of students crossing Sturgeon Street.

A new footpath was decided upon to encourage students to use the underpass

at the bridge and hopefully this will soon be in our capital works program.

New line marking and parking will soon start in Waterloo Street, Wellington Point, to address the traffic concerns that Scott Hogan and I have chatted about.



SAFETY UPDATE: Talks to get Birkdale Road crossing upgraded have been encouraging.



WELCOME TO WELLO: Trinity Uniting Church's new minister Linda Hamill.

Exciting community news

I am helping Trinity Uniting Church on Marlborough Road, Wellington Point, to establish a North Redlands Community Hub.

The Hub will include a community garden where local retirement home residents and disability clients already have social outings and get to share their gardening skills. There also is information on the various services

throughout Redlands to assist residents when they are not too sure where to go or what is available.

Coming up, we will be having our Christmas lunch for those with limited family nearby.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the new minister, Linda Hamill and her family to the Redlands.



Good outcome for Bainbridge St

It is great to see the good work being done by the Salvos since they moved into Bainbridge Street, Ormiston.

It has been heartwarming to see the community acceptance of their work, which is helping some of the less fortunate in our community.

It has been a hard road to this point but I never lost my resolve for a good outcome for residents in the area. I would like to thank everyone, including the police, for their support.

Keep in touch

I can't believe it's almost the end of the year. We have had our challenges but, working together, we have been able to resolve many and achieve for the community. If you have any issues, don't hesitate to let me know. There isn't much that can't be solved over a cuppa. Best wishes and stay safe during the approaching holiday season. Have a merry and safe Christmas.

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